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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in reply to the Official Action dated September 11, 2001, which required Applicants to elect one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I, claims 1-95, classified in Class 422, subclass 68.1; and

Group II, claims 96-101, classified in Class 422, subclass 82.05.

In the event that Applicants elect the invention of Group I, Applicants are further required to elect a species for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 13, 39-41, 58, 59, 72-75, 77, 81-90 and 92 were identified as generic claims.

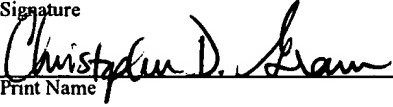
Remarks

Claims 1-101 are pending in the application. Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-95, without traverse, and request that claims 96-101 be withdrawn from examination without prejudice.

Additionally, Applicants elect Species F for examination. Applicants submit that the following claims read on the elected species: claims 1-9, 13, 39-41, 43-46, 49, 50, 53, 54, 60, 61, 72-75, 77 and 81-85. Although Applicants have identified the foregoing claims to read on the elected species of Group I, Species F, Applicants do not thereby assert that the identified claims do not also read on any or all of the other species or subspecies.

Respectfully submitted,

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